

Application No. 10/736,000
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Reply to Office Action of August 2, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-20 are pending. Claims 2 and 6 were withdrawn, and Claims 1, 12 and 18 are amended. The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Maguire and Supervisor Cuomo for taking the time to discuss the application on October 26, 2006.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-13 and 16 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,944,203 to Vlah. The Action also rejected Claims 9 and 17-20 as being obvious base on Vlah.

As discussed, currently amended Claims 1, 12 and 18 are amended to clarify that the rear wall forming the loop is formed by the continuous rear wall. This clarifies that the claimed rear wall is not the middle web 18 of Vlah. Other differences between Vlah and the subject claims were noted in applicant's April 28, 2006 response. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 7-13 and 16-20 are patentable.

The Action also repeats the rejection of Claims 4-5 and 14-15 based on Vlah in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,045,961 to Cygan. As these are depend claims, they include each limitation or their independent claim. Accordingly, these claims are patentable for the above noted reason, and those noted in the April 28, 2006 response.

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-20 are respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should this assist in moving the application to allowance.

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